

# Road Maintenance in Your Area

## Road Surface Improvement (Re-tread)



### Pook Lane, Biddenden

#### When we plan to carry out the work and how long it will take

This is to let you know that, as part of the on-going maintenance and improvement of the highway network, Kent County Council will be working to improve the road surface of **Pook Lane, Biddenden** between the junctions of **Smarden Road and Cot Lane**.

These road surface improvement works are programmed to start on the **11<sup>th</sup> of May 2020** and should take **5 days** to complete. These activities will be undertaken during a **working window** between the hours of **7am and 7pm**

This type of work can be affected by bad weather, so if it is not possible for us to carry it out at this time, we will arrange a new date and let you know via a letter drop to your home. We will also put up signs along the road, before we start, showing the date we plan to start work.

During these essential works it will be necessary to close the road completely so that we can carry out the works safely for both the workforce and road users. The diversion route will be via Smarden Road, Headcorn Road, Cot Lane, River Hall Lane, High Halden Road, Wagstaff Lane and vice versa.

#### The timings of works and how the 'working window' may affect you

Where we have specified the works take place over more than a day, please be aware that it is not always possible to start on the first day advertised. These types of works are part of a continuous rolling works programme and heavily dependent on good weather and site conditions throughout and thus can be affected by delays on previous sites. By allowing for extra days we can ensure that unforeseen circumstances to our works can be accommodated and disruption to local residents is minimised as far as possible.

#### What we plan to do

We will use an in-situ recycling process known as re-tread, to repair the road. Re-tread is a recycling process, which means we can repair the road using the existing material. This avoids the need to handle and transport large quantities of waste and new asphalt. Re-tread can work to existing levels leaving kerbs and iron works undisturbed.

The result of this is significantly less disruption to road users, residents, local businesses and the emergency services. It is a cost-effective way of adding strength to the road structure while restoring the road profile.

Specialist plant will be used to breakdown the upper layers of the carriageway. This is then thoroughly mixed with fresh bitumen emulsion to ensure uniform distribution and penetration of the binder. This mixed material is graded to form the new profile. The surface is then compacted, and an application of binder and chippings are rolled into close surface voids.

Once the new road surface has had the opportunity to settle and embed, a further surface treatment will be applied to complete the process and protect the road. This will likely be carried out next summer.

#### How you can help

It is inevitable that residents and businesses near the works will experience some disruption, but we will try to keep these to a minimum. Any pavements will remain open at all times, but vehicle access to properties will need to be restricted for a short period while work is carried out in front of each property. If you have any particular access needs, please let the workforce on site know.

We need your help to make sure the work is done as quickly as possible and to the best possible quality.

**If your vehicle is usually parked on the carriageway, please make sure you park it somewhere else away from the site whilst the works are carried out, so the road is clear for us to resurface.**

### **Further Information**

If you need more information, please visit our website [www.kent.gov.uk/resurfacingupdates](http://www.kent.gov.uk/resurfacingupdates) to find out how we look after the roads throughout Kent or report any faults you find on our roads. Alternatively, you call us on **03000 41 81 81**.

*For your safety and the safety of our workforce, please drive carefully and slowly through the roadworks.*

### **WARNING – Beware Bogus Callers**

Kent County Council Highways, Transportation and Waste do not allow works to be carried out on private properties. If anyone says they are working for us or our specialist contractors and offer to carry out any work for cash, they should be treated with caution. We advise you to contact Citizen's Advice on 03444 111 444 (Monday to Friday 9.00am to 5.00pm)